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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
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In response to the Office Action of December 4, 2002, please cancel Claims 1-8 and add the following new Claims 9-23:

CLAIMS

In the Claims

Claims 1-8 are cancelled.

19. (New) A device for clamping and ablating cardiac tissue to form transmural lesions therein, comprising:
first and second jaws relatively movable between an open position to receive cardiac tissue therebetween and a clamped position compressing the cardiac tissue;

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